

PUBLIC COMMENTS (PC)-B

PC-B1

From: Lanran@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: NO TOLL ROAD ON THE 405

Hello,

I am AGAINST a toll road on the 405.

Thank you.

Ranko Balog
Irvine 92603

PC-B2

From: Thomas Balutis [<mailto:tbalutis@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Christina Byrne
Subject: 405 Improvement project comments

To whom it concerns,

The need for a relief of congestion of the I-405 freeway between CA-22 and CA-73 is apparent. Expansion of the freeway is absolutely necessary. However, the proposal to generate 2 or even one toll lane in each direction is not universally fair. There are a number of local people, and we can define 'local' as those living within a 15 or 20 mile radius of the project, who depend on the freeway for their daily commuting requirements. They are already paying the highest gasoline taxes in the country, and provide Orange County with property tax revenues that are among the highest in the country. It is grossly unfair that they should suffer yet another tax on top of this! If the toll solution cannot be avoid, due consideration should be made for free residential access to the toll lanes. With today's technology, this can be accommodated.

Thank you.

Tom Balutis

PC-B3

From: jeanne nrae [jeannenrae@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 10:20 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Cc: cbyrne@octa.net; j9parker@socal.rr.com
Subject: 405 Expansion Project

Please do not move forward with the 405 expansion project in proposing a braised on/off ramp on the 405 Northbound side. This will interfere with our neighborhood that has been family oriented for over 40 plus years. I live in the Westmont neighborhood for over 20 plus years and have enjoyed our place and hope to pass along to my child and her family.

I oppose this project and please ask that you leave our neighborhood intact.

Thank you,

Jeanne Barragan
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Fountain Valley, Ca 92708
(714) 916-0375

PC-B4

From: bcohenmsw@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 9:36 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Oppose tolled lanes on405

Sent from my iPad
Barbara

PC-B5

From: J L [jlw144@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 4:05 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: 405 FWY Expansion

Ms. Smita Deslande,
My name is G. Wesley Barrett. I have been a long time resident of Seal Beach. It has been brought to my attention that you are working on plans for the Fwy Expansion over and above that which we had voted on. Please do not remove or rebuild the Almond sound-wall the width of the street is necessary for the proper flow of emergency vehicles (especially fire trucks). This street is also a thoroughfare for all those who live on the North side of CPE.

2013-08-09 10:05:00 AM
JLW144@yahoo.com
405 FWY Expansion

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PC-B6

From: J L [jlw144@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 3:33 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: Almond Soundwall

Ms. Smita Despande:
I have lived in Seal Beach for 20 years now. We have enjoyed it here. Please do not add any more than one lane in each direction here on the 405 Fwy. We do not need toll roads or anything else that would just over develop our small city. And Please do not touch the sound wall. Oh yes,...Please expedite your work on the Seal Beach bridge it continues to be a night mare. Wasn't that suppose to be completed this last July?

Sincerely,
Rebecca Barrett
1371 Pelham Rd
Seal Beach, Ca. 90740

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PC-B7

From: Emma Benavides [emmmpben@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2013 10:19 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: 405 Expansion

Smita Deshpande
Branch Chief, Caltrans District 12

Dear Smita Despande:

I am opposed to the expansion of 405 fwy. I live where the 405 and 22 meet. Any expansion of the 405 freeway will not eliminate the congestion in our ever growing population and therefore growing number of cars on the road. Ten years ago, there was only one driver in my household, but now there are three because my children reached that driving age. My situation is compounded exponentially to every household all over which means the exponential growth of cars on our street. Unfortunately, we need to have a car to get around.

We need good public transportation. Your job is to figure out how to alleviate the traffic by offering public transportation that is attractive enough so that people will use it

Learn from the other cities of the world how they move people; how they planned their public transportation like San Francisco, Chicago and New York. Think outside the box. More freeways, expansion of freeway will not solve the traffic problem. We need good public transportation. Plan it now and re-route the money to be spent for this expansion to real solution of moving people instead of automobile.

Sincerely,
Emma Benavides
12742 Chase Street
Garden Grove, CA 92845

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PC-B8

From: Robert Beckers [robnitz@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 11:12 AM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Cc: cbyrne@octa.net
Subject: Braided on ramp for 405 exp in FV

The braided on-ramp proposal in Fountain Valley will ruin the neighborhood nearby. I purchased my house in this neighborhood based on the community values and peacefulness of the area. If OCTA puts an above ground braided on-ramp in this area, it will destroy the area by raising noise levels, causing home values to plummet and cause exhaust smell and exhaust toxins to make it unlivable. Please do not destroy my community.

Robert
Fountain Valley resident (Home Owner - Oleander Circle)

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PC-B9

From: Kevin Bigelow [bigelow.kevin@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Cc: editor@gazettes.com
Subject: No More Toll Roads!

I had been concerned about Bird Flu, but now I am thinking that that I should be more worried about the 'Orange **Countification**' of Long Beach. Having read the description of the four options being considered for the upgrade to the 405, 605, SR22 interchange in the Grunion Gazette, I see the Orange County infection spreading. I admit that I'm not sure which options of new "general purpose" lanes would be best for Long Beach, however, I know that another Toll Road (AKA Express lane) is not the answer.

I lived in Orange County for many years, having only escaped from behind the 'Orange Curtain' about a decade ago. While in Orange County I saw the creation of one Toll Road (the 73), and the extension of another (the Toll Road to and through **Rancho** Santa Margarita), as well as many serious problems with the 91 Toll Road. Based on my experience, I firmly believe that we DO NOT want any more Toll Roads.

Orange County Government (and I know of what I speak having worked for Orange County Government for over 25 years before I retired) seems to be obsessed with selling off highways to Toll companies and along with the sale goes the basic right-of-way for numerous residents. The Toll Roads are always represented as being 'temporary', but none of them have ever gone away. In addition, they start out charging minimal amounts, and then raise their rates thereafter.

I am opposed to any notion of making car pool lanes on the 405 freeway into Toll lanes. Of course they are always called "Express Lanes" because that sounds like they will move so fast, but in reality you're paying significant amounts of money to the companies that the county has sold out to in order just to get home at the end of the day without taking hours to do so.

Has everyone forgotten that the original idea behind the carpool lane was to encourage carpools or alternative fuel vehicle users to keep saving fuel, the reward being that they could bypass some of the traffic? If you're charging for the carpool lane, then who are you reinforcing...only the companies that have bought the highway from a county government representative who has sold them a piece of your life rather than looking out for your best interests as they are supposed to.

There does not seem to be any attention paid to situations like the people who 'bought' the 91 freeway 'express lanes' refusing to pay for necessary repairs or the fact that government and **OC** businesses forced through the 73 Toll Road despite hundreds of thousands of people signing petitions opposing it. I don't get to the **OC** very often since I retired, just a few friends still live there, but I have to say that if I have to pay a toll just to drive down the 405 freeway, visiting **OC** will probably be at an end. **OC** may actually be happy about that, but I have to ask, where are all of the taxes that we pay going to that we have to sell out to Toll Road companies? Toll Roads may be a good deal for the politicians, but they definitely aren't for the rest of us.

Very Sincerely,
Kevin **Bigelow**
Long Beach Resident

PC-B10

From: John Boland [rboland@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Toll Lanes on the 405

Dear Dept. of Transportation

I am a homeowner in Rossmoor, the unincorporated residential area bordering the 605 and 405 freeways. I would like to express my opposition to the addition of any toll lanes to the 405 freeway. Toll lanes may be a convenience for commuters who can afford to pay the tolls, but they the effect of forcing drivers who cannot afford tolls either into slower, more congested lanes or off of the freeway entirely. The addition of toll roads in other parts of our state is just one more example of the way options for the economically disadvantaged are being sacrificed for the convenience of people of means.

John Boland
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Rossmoor, CA 90720

PC-B11

From: Renee Bolanos [reneeb61@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 1:22 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Re: I-405 Supplemental Documents

As a 12yr resident of Fountain Valley I am appalled at the lack of notice from the OCTA and Caltrans on major changes to the area included in the 405 expansion project.

My house backs up to the Magnolia St Offramp of the 405. I am dumbfounded by the changes being made to the offramp and onramp at Magnolia. I seems to make no sense remove the smooth flow onto Magnolia and replace it with a ramp that rises to the higher side of the Magnolia bridge and requires traffic to stop and Make a right or left turn when the Warner exit is a better place for that exit.

please advise of any meeting to discuss these issues

Edgardo Bolanos
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949-289-9338

PC-B12

From: frank boynton [franklbc@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 8:27 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Great ideas

I think more lanes the better and a toll lane makes sense as well. Good luck.
frank boynton
franklbc@verizon.net

PC-B13

From: Steve Brumm [steveb@disciplelink.com]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 8:19 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: 405 Expansion project

I am opposed to the braided on/off ramp proposal for the North bound side of the 405 freeway running through Fountain Valley.

The height of the ramps will reduce privacy to those backing to the freeway and pose increased noise and unsightly views to most of the neighboring homes.

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Steve & Carol Brumm
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Fountain Valley, ca 92708

PC-B14

From: Richeeb [Richeeb@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: Opposition to 405 HOT lanes and changes

I am opposed to the changes to the plans of 405/605/22 freeways. This has been settled previously. We don't need to change or make adjustments. This looks like a MONEY grab by the political powers. No person I have talked to wants this to happen. We already have the highest Sales taxes, Personal Taxes, cost of living. Do you people ever wonder why Major Business are LEAVING the state? The opposition for this has to be 95%.

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Thank you,

Richard Butterfield

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (PC)-B

Response to Comment Letter PC-B1

Comment PC-B1-1

Caltrans and OCTA thank you for participating in the environmental process for the I-405 Improvement Project. Your comment is not specific to the new information and analysis presented within the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS; however, your comments were addressed in Appendix R1 (Response to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS). You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B2

Comment PC-B2-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B3

Comment PC-B3-1

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Please see Common Response – Northbound Braided Ramps at the Magnolia/Warner Interchange.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B4

Comment PC-B4-1

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Response to Comment Letter PC-B5

Comment PC-B5-1

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Please see Common Responses – Measure M, Opposition to Tolling, Almond Avenue Soundwall, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B6

Comment PC-B6-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Comment PC-B6-2

Please see Common Responses – Almond Avenue Soundwall, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B7

Comment PC-B7-1

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Please see Common Response – Elimination of Light-Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B8

Comment PC-B8-1

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Please see Common Responses – Northbound Braided Ramps at the Magnolia/Warner Interchange, Noise/Noise Analysis, Air Quality, Property Values.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B9

Comment PC-B9-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B10

Comment PC-B10-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B11

Comment PC-B11-1

Caltrans and OCTA thank you for participating in the environmental process for the I-405 Improvement Project. Your comments on new information and analysis presented within the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS were considered during identification of the Preferred Alternative as described in the Final EIR/EIS. You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Public notice for the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS and Public Hearing included 4 newspaper ads, 4 e-blasts to 7,700 stakeholders, and 14,000 postcards mailed to stakeholders within 0.25-mile of the project area, as well as notification via OCTA print and social media. Additionally, the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS was made available for review on the Caltrans and OCTA Web sites, and copies of the document were available for public review at 14 libraries and the Caltrans District 12 Office.

Comment PC-B11-2

Your concerns are related to the northbound braided ramps. Please see Common Response – Northbound Braided Ramps at the Magnolia/Warner Interchange in Appendix R1.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B12

Comment PC-B12-1

Caltrans and OCTA thank you for participating in the environmental process for the I-405 Improvement Project. You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B13

Comment PC-B13-1

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Please see Common Response – Northbound Braided Ramps at the Magnolia/Warner Interchange.

Response to Comment Letter PC-B14

Comment PC-B14-1

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Caltrans acknowledges your opposition to improvements along the I-405, SR-22, and I-605 freeways. For a discussion of the Preferred Alternative and the process used in its identification, please see Common Response – Preferred Alternative Identification.